Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Golf

The golf team won one of its three matches this week and sophomore Addison Barth was medalist (low score) in two of the three matches. Barth had a 50 against Sacred Heart at Grover Cleveland, earning medalist honors. Barth shot a 51 against Nardin and sophomore Lacey Sheehan (Orchard Park) also played well in the Nardin match. The team defeated Mount Saint Mary in its third match of the week and Barth had a 57 in wet and windy conditions at Sheridan Park to take medalist honors. The team ended its season on Monday at Delaware Park against Buffalo Seminary.

Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer team lost its league opener last week. The team battled hard against Buffalo Seminary but ended up on the short end of the score, 3-2. Sophomore Rosie Bandura (West Seneca) led the offensive attack with a goal scored on a penalty kick and she earned the assist on freshman Abby Kopf’s goal (East Aurora).

Coach Maddie Higgins honored junior Emma Connors (Buffalo) for her defensive efforts as the “warrior” on the back line and using her speed to intercept the long passes from Buffalo Seminary. “It was our first league game and a tough loss to take in the end, but games like these help us zone in on specifics and improve throughout the season,” Higgins stated. “We are looking forward to hosting SEM later on this season for a rematch.”

Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Volleyball team lost its two matches last week, falling to Mount Saint Mary and Nardin.

The Magic fought hard against Nardin but dropped three games, 19-25, 10-25 and 17-25. Coach Rachel Kaufman complimented senior Grace Spero (Buffalo) for her setting and sophomore Lacey Sheehan (West Seneca) and senior Kyra Soto (Buffalo) for an “amazing” block. Senior Mary Vattes (Buffalo) had ten digs. “We had some good rallies,” Kaufman commented. “However we need to develop better footwork and agility in order to better play hard hits and tips.”

Mount Saint Mary also topped Mount Mercy in three games, 18-25, 15-25 and 16-25. Junior Bella Maloney (Lakeview) had four kills and six aces. Spero also served well and Vattes added eight digs. Despite the loss, Kaufman was pleased with her team. “I am very pleased with our play during this match. The team had great communication and footwork,” Kaufman remarked. “The team showed 110 percent effort as they were diving for every ball.”